

RECOVERY FUNDS AT WORK IN OHIO'S SIXTH DISTRICT
Wilson Announces Medical Research and Water Quality Protection Funds from the Recovery Act

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) is pleased to announce that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services are releasing funding to Ohio's Sixth District as part of the Recovery Act.

WATER QUALITY

Ohio's Sixth District will receive \$6,549,582 to fund water quality improvement projects. Grants will also be met with low-interest loans through the Water Supply Revolving Loan Account or the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund from Ohio EPA.

The City of Portsmouth will receive a \$49,582 Recovery Act subsidy that, combined with an equal interest-free loan, will provide \$99,338 for upgrading service for the city's east end water system.

Belmont County will receive \$1.5 million in Recovery Act funds to combine with a \$383,232 interest-free loan for approximately \$1.9 million to assist in constructing the Mount Victory Road waterline project.

The City of Ironton will also receive a \$5 million Recovery Act subsidy, combined with a low-interest \$7.2 million loan for a total of \$12.2 million to separate the city's combined sewer lines and reline and seal existing lines. The lined sewers will become the sanitary sewers and new storm sewers will be built.

"By improving our infrastructure and keeping our water clean, we are keeping our communities safe and healthy," Wilson said. "I'm proud to see Recovery Act funds going toward projects like these."

MEDICAL RESEARCH

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the National Health Institutes, four medical research projects in Ohio's Sixth District will receive funding from the Recovery Act.

At Ohio University, three projects will receive Recovery Act funds to further research new approaches to treat drug addiction and drug-induced nervous system damage, kidney damage resulting from diabetes, and vestibular dysfunction (ex. vertigo). In total, the projects will receive \$761,576.

Additionally, \$1,132,993 has been awarded to the Interthyr Corporation in Athens, Ohio,

which is working to develop a safe, non-toxic, therapeutic agent for multiple autoimmune-inflammatory diseases as well as cancer.

“Congratulations to OU and the Interthyr Corporation. This research continues to discover new ways to help us lead healthier lives,” Wilson said. “The projects also provide excellent training for students at OU as they pursue careers in the medical field.”